



2017 AGENDA FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

Arizona's Education Progress Meter has been endorsed by Governor Doug Ducey, the Arizona State Board of Education, the Arizona Board of Regents, and more than 100 organizations representing business, education and community partners.

The Progress Meter identifies the key benchmarks we have to reach to fuel student success:

- Teacher pay
- Preschool students in quality child care and preschool
- 3rd Grade reading proficiency
- 8th Grade Math proficiency
- Young adults in school or employed
- College going
- Post-secondary attainment of degrees or credentials

Arizona needs improvement on every single benchmark to reach our shared goals. In 2017, AZ Schools Now calls on Governor Ducey and the state legislature to invest additional state resources in public schools to help move the needle on these benchmarks.

To stop draining resources out of public schools, AZ Schools Now expects the following investments in 2017:

1. Preserve existing revenue streams by rejecting new or expanded tax cuts or credits to enable future funding availability for public education.
2. Reform the private school tax credits so scholarships are targeted only to the low-income students who need them the most.
3. Take concrete steps toward a long-term plan for increased school funding that includes an update of Proposition 301 with targeted revenue sources and dedicated new funding to address teacher retention.